

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 – 14, and 16 - 25 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 5 – 14, and 16 – 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. (Takahashi) (U.S. Pat. No. 6,266,119) in view of Ishikawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,258,866). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 9, and 12, have been amended to call for at least one of the plurality of first alignment marks and the plurality of second alignment marks to be formed on the corresponding one of the substrate and the base member in the same step that the corresponding one of the first terminal bank and the second terminal bank is produced. This subject matter is supported in the specification as filed at paragraph [0042] where it states, “The alignment marks 15 are produced in the same step as that for forming the wiring patterns 11b.” Neither Takahashi, Ishikawa, nor any combination thereof teaches, suggests, or provides motivation to form the alignment marks and terminal banks in the same step. Since neither Takahashi nor Ishikawa teach, suggest, or provide motivation for such a method, the claimed methods called for in base claims 1, 9, and 12 and their corresponding dependent claims would not have been obvious.

Claim 14 has been amended to call for an electro-optical device including a first terminal bank and a plurality of mutually spaced apart first alignment marks that are simultaneously formed on the surface of the substrate, and a second terminal bank and a plurality of second alignment marks simultaneously formed on a surface of the mount base member. As stated

above, neither Takahashi nor Ishikawa teach alignment marks and terminal banks that are formed in the same step, or simultaneously. Since neither Takahashi nor Ishikawa teach simultaneously formed alignment marks and terminal banks, the claimed electro-optical device would not have been obvious.

Lastly, claims 23, 24, and 25 have each been amended to call for a second terminal bank and a plurality of second alignment marks that are simultaneously formed with the second terminal bank. Again, since neither Takahashi nor Ishikawa teach simultaneously formed alignment marks and terminal banks, the claimed invention called for in claims 23, 24, and 25 would not have been obvious.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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